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TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 Conference Report

SUMMARY

The Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations bill reported by the committee on conference (H.R. 2590, H. Rept. 107-152) provides \$17.069 billion in budget authority [BA] and \$16.256 billion in outlays for fiscal year 2002. As reported, the conference report exceeds the appropriate 302(b) allocation and violates the Congressional Budget Act. Nevertheless, pursuant to the bipartisan agreement between the Congress and the

administration, the House Budget Committee has reported a bill (H.R. 3084) increasing the appropriate levels in the budget resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) and the discretionary spending limits established in the Deficit Control Act. Enactment of this legislation will allow the Committee on Appropriations to revise its subcommittee allocations and, consequently, ensure that the bill is in compliance with the budget resolution as revised.

Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Conference Report (fiscal years; millions of dollars)				
	2001 Enacted	Administration 2002 Request	House Passed	Conference
Budget Authority	15,808	16,612	17,022	17,069
Outlays	15,349	15,906	16,261	16,256

DISCUSSION

The conference report provides an increase of \$1.261 billion in BA from the fiscal year 2001 enacted amount, and \$47 million in BA above the amount passed by the House. That increase funds a \$3.5-million increase in BA for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center over the House version, and an \$18-million increase in BA for the United States Customs Service. The bill also provides for a fiscal year 2003 advance appropriation of \$48 million to the Postal Service

Fund for the costs associated with free and reduced mail. This provision is included on the list of permissible advance appropriations under Section 201 of the budget resolution conference report.

The table on the following page provides a comparison, by agency, of the amounts provided in the conference agreement and the House-passed bill.

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Discretionary Spending in the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Conference Report (in millions of dollars)						
	House Passed		Conference		Difference	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Department of the Treasury	14,862	14,583	14,871	14,593	9	10
<i>Internal Revenue Service</i>	9,457	9,259	9,437	9,242	-20	-17
<i>Customs Service</i>	2,670	2,509	2,688	2,526	18	17
<i>Secret Service</i>	923	916	924	917	1	1
Postal Service	96	96	96	96	0	0
Executive Office of the President	279	270	281	272	2	2
General Services Administration	453	22	485	9	32	-13
Office of Personnel Management	230	226	230	226	0	0
Other Independent Agencies	1,102	1,064	1,106	1,060	4	-4

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